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REPORT OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN

To the Governing Board of the Department of Finance.

GENTLEMEN: I beg leave to submit herewith my report covering the activities of the California State Library during the seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh fiscal years, ending June 30, 1926.

THE LIBRARY FUND

Funds, it is said, are the sinews of war. They are quite as truly and infinitely more beneficently the sinews of peace, in the pursuits of which no service can better qualify than that of the modern library. From the low level reached in 1923 when the State Library appropriation was \$203,210, almost exactly two-thirds of the high mark of 1921, the figure was raised in 1925 to \$253,490. Again it has been possible to increase book purchases—or perhaps it would be more nearly correct to say, increase the total spent for books. It is probably true that the gradual raising of the price of books, due to economic conditions, has prevented our acquiring many more titles. And when it comes to salaries it is demonstrable that the pay of the members of the staff has not kept pace with the change which has taken place since the war in the purchasing power of the dollar. It is hoped that when the library finally moves into its new home a fuller and more detailed study may be sufficient argument on these two most important questions in library economy: an adequate, even generous, book fund, and salaries which place library workers on an equal footing with comparable crafts and professions.

STAFF PROBLEMS

Most libraries have little difficulty with the attitude of their assistants, from messenger up, toward the work to be done, the hours put in, or the quality of the service done. One can not be so sure about the average compensation paid librarians; though no doubt the experience in this newer craft is similar to that of the older professions in their infancy and youth. But it is certain, despite the effort recently so strenuously put forth by the American Library Association, that the question of a reasonable supply of assistants of all ranks and grades has not been satisfactorily answered.

In November, 1924, the State Civil Service Commission announced the first examinations to form eligible lists upon which the State Library could draw. Wide publicity was given, and the examiners took themselves to the populous centers, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento, where if at all trained workers might be found. The results were pitifully small. Again in 1926 similar examinations were given with quite as poor a showing. The Civil Service Commission was reasonable in its requirements, and even noticeably sympathetic in its attitude toward candidates; but they did not put in an appearance. Eligible lists are lacking. What is the answer?

One might argue that salaries are too low; and therein may be found a partial reason for this little interest in a kind of work which is supposed to be of great drawing quality to women and girls. But that argument is not altogether convincing; the work is pleasant,

the surroundings usually inviting, the hours not burdensome, and the pay is definitely on a rising scale. The surer answer, however, is that library schools have not grown with the development of the service. They have taken in young women as students almost exclusively. Young women have a habit of marrying—a habit confirmed by the long practice of a line of progenitors reaching back to the garden of Eden—and many of them for various perfectly sound reasons turn their talent to domestic uses, thereby denying the library the benefit of their training and experience. The library schools can accommodate too few students, especially since the latter have such a high professional mortality. And furthermore, the schools are all striving to turn out workers for top positions.

Library executives themselves have been at fault in attempting to secure assistants of college grade plus special training for positions which may satisfactorily be filled by persons who have not advanced so far but are able to work well under competent direction. The solution of this situation will be found in the development of better library schools of professional standing—the University of Michigan, Chicago University, Columbia University, and others, including we trust the University of California, are in the way of meeting this need—and also in the establishment of training classes either in the larger libraries themselves mainly to recruit their own ranks, or in junior colleges working in cooperation with neighboring libraries.

This statement is preliminary to the recommendation that when the State Library finally occupies its new building a training class be created, with a course not to exceed six months in the year, designed especially to put high school graduates in condition to serve our own library in positions of lower professional rank. At the present time intensive instruction for a short time in county library problems for assistants seeking service in that field would help out the work of the state; though we are confidently looking forward to the time the school at the University of California may have sufficient funds and faculty to meet all such requirements. Should the Sacramento Junior College ever find it possible to offer a training class course in library practice, the duty, which now so plainly confronts the State Library, could ethically be relinquished.

Milton J. Ferguson, Librarian.	Beryl Andrews, Assistant.
Mabel R. Gillis, Assistant Librarian.	Helen M. Bruner, Assistant, Sutro
and Head of Books for the Blind Department.	Branch, San Francisco.
Herbert V. Clayton, Law and Legislative Reference Librarian.	Sarah Carder, Assistant.
Eudora Garoutte, Head of California Department.	Ella A. Clark, Indexer.
Alice J. Haines, Head of Documents Department.	Margaret Dennison, Assistant, Sutro
Mrs May Dexter Henshall, County Library Organizer.	Branch, San Francisco.
Annie Lowry, in charge of Periodicals and Binding.	Mrs Marguerite Walker Duggins, stenographer.
Wm. H. Lugg, Head of Shipping, Repairs, etc., Department.	Kate M. Foley, Home Teacher of the Blind, 146 McAllister st., San Francisco.
Beulah Mumm, Reference Librarian.	Zilla Grant, Assistant.
Ida G. Munson, Head of Catalog Department.	Ena Harmon, Assistant.
Myrtle Ruhl, in charge of Order Department.	Lyndall Harmon, Assistant.
	Mrs Mavis M. Harrison, Typist.
	Dorothy Hill, Assistant.
	Mrs Fanny R. Howley, Assistant.
	Mrs Dorothy Puffer Isaacs, Assistant.
	Florence Lamb, Bookkeeper.
	Rachel Look, Assistant.
	Anna G. McNamee, Assistant, Sutro

Branch, San Francisco.

Alicia W. Manning, Assistant.

D. Florence Montfort, Assistant.

Catharine J. Morrison, Home Teacher
of the Blind, 951 S. Kenmore ave., Los
Angeles.

Irene E. Ryan, Assistant.

Blanche L. Shadle, Assistant

Lily M. Tilden, Assistant.

Mrs Corinne R. Tracy, Assistant.

Jmie Vladyka, Assistant.

Mrs Julia M. Waldron, Assistant.

Caroline Wenzel, Assistant.

Mrs Ina Brosseau, Book Repairer.

Emma F. de Merritt, Book Repairer.

Adeline Martin, Book Repairer.

Wm. G. Lyons, Assistant Shipping
Clerk.Addalbert Morris, Assistant Shipping
Clerk.Stanley Schlademan, Assistant Ship-
ping Clerk.

Lois Little, Messenger.

Vera Palermo, Messenger.

Margaret Schilling, Messenger.

Arthur Valine, Messenger.

J. L. Foss, Janitor.

G. A. Klees, Janitor.

Harry A. Simons, Elevator Operator.

The following persons have been on the staff of the Library during the period covered by this report, but are not now in our service:

Alice Chenu, Typist.

Benneta Colton, Library Aid.

Chas. K. Curtright, Shipping Clerk.

Mrs Blanche Harris Dalton, Assistant.

Mae Davies, Book Repairer.

Mrs Gerna R. Dickson, Assistant.

Carmelita Duff, Assistant.

C. T. Edwards, Shipping Clerk.

Ruth Ferguson, Temporary Assistant.

Elsie Friant, Book Repairer.

Dorothy Geeslin, Messenger.

Angelena Grant, Messenger.

Arden Hall, Messenger-Clerk.

Mrs Bessie Heath McCrea, Assistant.

Alice Miller, Messenger.

Mrs Helen G. Nelson, Library Aid.

Mary V. Provines, Assistant.

Leona Rasmussen, Messenger.

Arthur Turney, Temporary Elevator
Operator.

The following temporary laborers and part-time workers have also been employed:

Lyall Blackwell, Laborer.

Frank Boland, Sutro Branch.

Jas. Cowen, Jr., Sutro Branch.

Chris Delzer, Laborer.

Dennis E. Larson, Laborer.

Jas. W. Tackitt, Temporary Janitor.

David P. Yoerk, Temporary Laborer,
Sutro Branch.

NEW BUILDING

A building is no doubt new until it is occupied and has become worn by the passing of many feet and the contact of many hands. The extension group consisting of the Library and Courts Building, and the Office Building, can consistently, therefore, be considered new; for while from the view point of the man on the street they are finished, they are yet untenanted. The original fund was insufficient to complete the project; the legislature of 1925 appropriated only \$300,000, a fund designed to install the heating system but inadequate for the greater job of completing and furnishing two large modern buildings. And as it happened a controversy over this appropriation, occasioned by the Controller's doubt as to the constitutionality of the act, threw the matter into the courts and the heating plant was not placed until long after the cold weather had given way to the summer of 1926.

The buildings have now been standing long enough for them to become a part of the picture of the Capitol gardens. The grounds are being conditioned for planting; so that when finally the several tenants move in much of the dirt and confusion incident to the taking over of a new home will be very pleasantly lacking. The magnificent sculptured pediments and the heroic figures on the entrance level, so beautifully conceived by Edward Field Sanford, Jr., and so finely chiseled out of the granite and marble, have begun to weather in satis-

factory manner. As citizens and visitors learn of the view which may be found in the enlarged Capitol group their numbers will constantly grow; and the fame of the state and of the architects and sculptor will spread accordingly.

The estimated \$1,250,000 necessary to finish and furnish the new buildings is an item in a large bond proposition for state buildings in Berkeley and Los Angeles. It is probable, therefore, that the electors in November, 1926, will give it their approval. Final occupation of both buildings should be completed by January 1, 1928—almost fifteen years after the legislature approved the original bond measure.

MEETINGS AND PUBLICITY

Many meetings of library associations and similar organizations have been attended the past two years. The librarian and members of the staff have also talked on library subjects before clubs of a general nature.

The librarian has made five trips east, necessitated by his work on the American Library Association Executive Board and the League of Library Commissions as well as his attendance at the larger meetings.

In December, 1924, the librarian attended the midwinter meeting of the American Library Association and the annual meeting of the League of Library Commissions in Chicago. He was reelected president of the latter organization for a two-year term and at the same time a grant of \$50,000 was made to the League to carry on a three-year library service demonstration in some state that had not advanced materially in a library way. Louisiana was chosen as the state for the work and in October, 1925, the Louisiana Library Commission was formed with Miss Essae M. Culver, a California librarian, as executive secretary. The work is progressing satisfactorily there. As president of the League and chairman of the Committee under which the Carnegie grant is being spent, the librarian visited Louisiana in April and in October, 1925.

On the April trip he went on to Chicago to attend the two-day meeting of the American Library Association at which the Board of Education for Librarianship and the Commission on the Library and Adult Education furnished the program. On the return trip, at the request of the Carnegie Corporation, the librarian conducted Colonel J. M. Mitchell, Secretary of the United Kingdom Carnegie Trust, from Chicago to California where he made a short visit investigating library and other subjects of interest to the Carnegie Trust.

At the American Library Association meeting in Seattle in 1925 the librarian and Mrs Henshall were the official representatives of the State Library. At this time the librarian was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Executive Board. In April, 1926, after a day at A. L. A. headquarters in Chicago, the librarian attended a meeting of the Southeastern Library Association in Signal Mountain, Tennessee, and of the Southwestern Library Association in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

At the California Library Association meeting in Eureka in 1925 the official representatives of the Library were the librarian, the assistant librarian and the library organizer. At the Long Beach meeting in 1926, the librarian, the assistant, and Miss Garoutte and Miss Mumm were those sent by the Library. All had a part in the programs.

Other organizations with which the Library has cooperated on programs are the California Conference of Social Work, the Adult Education movement and the California Economic Research Council.

Other clubs and groups addressed by the librarian or staff members have been Rotary Clubs, Sacramento Soroptomist Club, Sacramento Business Women's Club, various other women's clubs, schools, meetings of custodians of county library branches, and the annual meeting of the California Academy of Social Sciences.

The organizer has attended the meetings of the California School Superintendents and has continued to give the course on library law at the University of California School of Librarianship.

Besides the talks given, publicity for the State Library has been gained principally through articles prepared for newspapers and periodicals and through the exhibits placed at the State Fair. The exhibit in 1924 was divided into two parts, one showing the resources of the State Library, the other giving a picture of county library service through the use of a large map and some interesting photographs. In 1925 only one phase of State Library work was shown—that of the California Department. This was considered timely on account of the Diamond Jubilee celebration that year. The exhibit cases and walls showed pictures and documents dealing with the admission of California to the Union and other historical matters. The rest of the space was taken up with relics such as gold rockers, gold scales, early fire-arms, et cetera. The exhibit attracted much attention and was the means of making many good connections for this part of our work.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

The demand for library workers in California has far outgrown the supply and the calls for library assistants have been many and insistent. The State Library has made suggestions wherever possible, but many vacancies have gone unfilled for long periods and too frequently untrained workers have had to be taken in to fill the need.

During the past two years we have helped to place thirty-five applicants.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND DEPARTMENT

Changes in the staff of this department have continued. Miss Carmelita Duff resigned as first assistant in December, 1925, and was succeeded by Mrs Blanche Harris Dalton. Mrs Dalton left the State Library in April, 1926, and Mrs Fanny Reynolds Howley, who has charge of the Library for the Blind in the Seattle Public Library, has been secured to fill this position for six months. She began work April 19, and, experienced as she is in similar work in another state, she is bringing to the department a fresh viewpoint that is very helpful.

Miss Mae Davies, a member of the State Library staff for six years and a faithful worker in this department for the last three years, passed away on March 30 after a month's illness. Her cheerful presence and her devotion to the work are greatly missed.

In January, 1925, the publication of News Notes was resumed. This is the small publication, reprinted from News Notes of California Libraries, giving news of this department and a list of additions to it. The publication had been discontinued after the April, 1923, issue.

On July 1, 1925, the State Library again assumed the administration of home teaching work, provision for this having been made in the new budget. Miss Kate M. Foley and Miss Catharine J. Morrison were again added to the State Library staff, and continued the work that had been done the past two years under the State Board of Control.

The work of this department is growing constantly and it becomes increasingly difficult as time goes on. The readers who have been borrowers from the beginning of this department have exhausted the older collection of books and the publication of new ones is not fast enough to satisfy the needs of quick readers. The ingenuity of the staff is therefore often severely taxed in the attempt to keep such borrowers in reading matter.

Our collection has been greatly augmented by splendid gifts from the U. S. Veterans' Bureau, the American Braille Press for War and Civilian Blind, Inc., (formerly the Permanent Blind Relief War Fund, Inc.), the American Brotherhood of Free Reading for the Blind and other donors of books and magazines. Hand-copied books, well selected, have been donated by the Women Volunteers of Oakland, the San Francisco Chapter of the Red Cross, the Pasadena Braille Club, the National Braille Transcribers' Society, and several individual borrowers.

Books, etc., added	2,651
Books, lost, discarded, etc.	72
Total volumes	18,915
Borrowers added	416
Borrowers lost by death	79
Total borrowers	2,435
Circulation	67,898

Home Teaching Statistics, July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926.

Pupils graduated	65
Still carried	120
Total number of lessons given	2,599
Hours of correspondence and preparing of lessons	868
Visits and calls paid	447
Visits received	147
Clubs, schools, etc., addressed	11

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

An increasing amount of research work has been done by the California Department in response to letters from all over the United States and foreign countries. Also there has been a steady growth in the number of workers who come from distant states to work personally on the books, pamphlets, magazines and other material relating to California subjects. Many come who are tracing pioneer relatives or getting genealogical data on California branches of their families.

Within the state, too, there is a steady growth in the realization of the resources of this department. Many California authors have especially appreciated the fine collection of Californiana at their disposal and have spent much time consulting it while writing on California subjects.

One of the important phases of the work, continually being carried on, is assisting those who have lost their naturalization papers to reestablish their citizenship. This is done through our files of the great registers of voters, which became of great value after the fire of 1906, when so many naturalization papers were destroyed, as well as many official records of San Francisco.

Among numerous donations we note the following:

Miss Azelia L. Winchester, a large collection of letters written by her father, General Jonas Winchester, California's first State Printer. These letters cover almost the entire year of 1849, including his voyage around the Horn and experiences in San Francisco and the mines. They are voluminous and give a vivid picture of the life of that important year.

Miss Olga Bandel has placed in the collection her father's diary and correspondence covering a number of years, during which he was in the U. S. Army as a non-commissioned officer. The diary gives a detailed account of the movements of a detachment of the army which crossed the plains and arrived at Benicia Barracks in the fifties. Accompanying the diary are many letters written to his parents in Germany and they give a most interesting picture of the country and of the life of the people.

Miss Florence McKune, a collection of pictures of prominent people, among them a large framed picture of her father, Judge J. H. McKune; also valuable daguerreotypes of her parents and others.

Mrs Edwin H. Clough has recently presented a collection of letters written to Mr Clough by California authors who were his intimates.

Albert Dressler has added many interesting items such as pictures, pamphlets, and relics.

Mrs Pauline Dohrmann, Mrs B. G. Rousseau, William Campbell, and many others have enriched the collection with generous donations.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Number of books cataloged_____	7,547
Number of cards added to catalogs_____	52,534
Continuations added_____	2,994
Cards filed in Union Catalog_____	127,123
Cards received for Union Catalog_____	191,164

The entire collection of pamphlets was checked and recataloged. Several hundred bookplates, prints and maps were cataloged.

In 1925 we began the task of analysing the music collection but owing to the limited number of catalogers on the staff we were forced to abandon the project. Under the present conditions we are unable to do any work other than catalog the accessions as they are received.

DOCUMENTS DEPARTMENT

The department has received, entered and filed 44,354 government publications, and has distributed to libraries 20,122 California state publications. Public Affairs Information Service Bulletin and other lists have been checked regularly and documents material requested.

Current work during the biennium has been heavy, both in the amount of new material received and in the research and reference work done, including checking of the Union List of Serials. Little time has been left to carry out long-cherished plans of trying to fill gaps in the

collection. However, quite a number of federal and state documents have been acquired by gift and exchange from various sources and added to the files.

A time-consuming piece of work incident to the session of the Legislature is the making up for binding of complete sets of the bills introduced, including copies of all amended bills.

LAW AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

A new edition of the Library laws of California was compiled by the Department after the 1925 session of the Legislature and issued in printed form by the Library. A Handbook of Information for the use of the Legislators was prepared and issued before the 1925 session. The usual amount of reference work was done during the Legislature and afterward the Statutes were side-noted and indexed.

A list of California county charters and California city charters was prepared and appeared in News Notes of California Libraries for October, 1924, where it could be readily turned to for reference.

The Bureau of Children's Aid of the State Board of Control and the State Department of Public Welfare having decided to print a new edition of Laws of Interest to Women and Children, the copy which had been kept reasonably up to date was put into final shape by this department and made ready to be sent to the printer at the beginning of the new biennium.

The yearly requests for a revision of the material on California for the Statesman's Yearbook were received and complied with.

Among the bibliographies prepared are the following: The Bible in the public schools, Civil service pensions, Criminal law and procedure, Criminal procedure in England, Judicial Councils, Retirement of judges, Statutes and codes: codifications, consolidation and revision. The one on Judicial Councils was printed in News Notes of California Libraries for April, 1926.

PERIODICALS DEPARTMENT

The State Library receives regularly 1170 magazines and 166 newspapers—76 daily and 90 weekly. On account of a somewhat larger budget allowance for this biennium we were again able to make some headway in binding our periodicals and papers, but much still remains to be done. Our Repair Department has been of great assistance in the fine work it has done in putting many of our magazines and newspapers into very satisfactory temporary bindings.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

40,178 Author requests were looked up in all sources.

14,333 Subject requests were filled.

20,924 Shipments were sent out.

86,682 Books were lent.

1,284 Pictures were lent.

46,482 Request slips were stamped, marked and mailed.

22,726 Receipt postals were typed.

There has been a marked increase in the use of pictures during the past two years.

An "outline of State Library service to other libraries" dealing mainly with the procedure to be followed by borrowing libraries was printed in News Notes of California Libraries, July, 1925, and has helped greatly in facilitating the inter-library loan work.

SUTRO BRANCH

The Sutro Branch has been located during the period of this report in the San Francisco Public Library building. This central location has helped to make the Branch known to many new users. The work of cataloging the original Sutro collection has proceeded, aided by the addition of a third member to the staff. The immense task of reducing the collection to the original gift and such material as would naturally belong with it has been completed.

COUNTY FREE LIBRARIES

Prospects are good for the establishment of several new county libraries this fall. Work has been done in Sierra and Mariposa counties toward establishment under Section 5 by contracting with Plumas and Merced counties respectively. This plan, if adopted, will pave the way for others of the smaller counties to be assured of library service by securing it from some of the richer counties.

The library organizer continues to give lectures at the University of California School of Librarianship and is contributing a page of library news to the Western Journal of Education every month.

Much information concerning the California county libraries is asked for constantly both verbally and by letter. This means many interviews for the organizer at the library and many letters, outlines and compilations of statistics to be prepared.

A new pamphlet was issued in April of this year. It is called "Your County Your Responsibility" and deals largely with the organizing problem in those counties still without county libraries.

LIST OF COUNTIES HAVING COUNTY FREE LIBRARIES

Statistics of July 1, 1926.

County	Librarian	Established	Income 1925-26 ¹	Books, etc.	Branches	Total active school dists. in county ²	Active school dists. that have joined
Alameda.....	Mary Barmby.....	Sept. 26, 1910	\$53,689 52	126,651	91	49	38
Amador.....	Bertha S. Taylor.....	June 2, 1919	5,663 12	17,372	39	31	26
Butte.....	Blanche Chalfant.....	Sept. 3, 1913	18,241 70	68,112	88	65	57
Colusa.....	Ella Packer.....	June 8, 1915	10,970 08	a 46,877	48	33	29
Contra Costa.....	Mrs Alice G. Whitbeck.....	July 21, 1913	55,421 63	157,979	98	64	58
Fresno.....	Sarah E. McCardle.....	Mar. 12, 1910	150,040 56	393,417	260	172	152
Glenn.....	Mrs Faye K. Russell.....	April 8, 1914	15,311 44	48,321	61	43	38
Humboldt.....	Ida M. Reagan.....	May 12, 1914	27,728 85	99,100	152	111	101
Imperial.....	Evalyn Boman.....	Feb. 6, 1912	17,701 73	59,328	79	58	52
Inyo.....	Anne Margrave.....	Sept. 15, 1913	9,316 30	28,496	45	31	29
Kern.....	Mrs Julia G. Babcock.....	Nov. 16, 1910	93,711 21	252,834	196	104	101
Kings.....	Julia Steffa.....	June 4, 1912	26,977 34	114,794	57	39	38
Lassen.....	Lenala A. Martin.....	Sept. 7, 1915	13,075 94	41,791	76	36	34
Los Angeles.....	Helen E. Vogleson.....	Sept. 5, 1912	300,897 41	536,698	314	159	117
Madera.....	Blanche Galloway.....	May 3, 1910	21,746 14	73,052	70	50	50
Merced.....	Minette L. Stoddard.....	June 6, 1910	36,020 30	114,448	82	73	64
Modoc.....	Anna L. Williams.....	July 8, 1915	3,989 73	13,983	36	44	30
Monterey.....	Anne Hadden.....	Aug. 6, 1912	20,268 67	83,640	140	97	88
Napa.....	Estella DeFord.....	Feb. 9, 1916	11,212 06	26,061	77	48	46
Orange.....	Margaret Livingston.....	Dec. 9, 1919	25,955 10	66,436	63	57	37
Plumas.....	Edith Gantt.....	Sept. 7, 1915	10,323 16	38,271	79	29	29
Riverside.....	Chas. F. Woods.....	Nov. 8, 1911	15,956 63	0	80	78	45
Sacramento.....	Cornelia D. Provines.....	Oct. 1, 1908	40,326 66	72 206	110	83	64
San Benito.....	Florence J. Wheaton.....	Feb. 4, 1918	9,504 99	33,470	76	37	37
San Bernardino.....	Caroline S. Waters.....	July 14, 1913	37,722 13	98,296	136	73	61
San Diego.....	Eleanor Hitt.....	April 5, 1912	37,109 86	95,132	145	118	103
³ San Francisco.....							
San Joaquin.....	Ida E. Condit.....	Mar. 7, 1910	32,076 68	0	136	94	76
San Luis Obispo.....	Flo A. Gantz.....	July 6, 1915	15 369 42	45,713	96	93	82
San Mateo.....	Edna Holroyd.....	Sept. 5, 1912	21,974 03	a 37,545	64	42	27
Santa Barbara.....	Mrs Frances B. Linn.....	Feb. 16, 1910	24,050 86	0	106	68	58
Santa Clara.....	Mrs Elizabeth Singletary.....	July 20, 1912	28,276 51	112,461	95	82	74
Santa Cruz.....	Minerva H. Waterman.....	Oct. 13, 1916	8,892 02	0	87	54	52
Siskiyou.....	Ellen B. Frink.....	June 7, 1915	18,473 73	77,671	156	92	89
Solano.....	Clara B. Dills.....	April 6, 1914	23 442 14	71,987	66	49	48
Stanislaus.....	Bessie B. Silverthorn.....	Aug. 14, 1911	26,684 93	87,715	71	68	45
Sutter.....	Frances M. Burket.....	May 9, 1917	14,634 44	38,929	42	35	34
Tehama.....	Anne Bell Bailey.....	Aug. 8, 1916	11,192 62	41,528	87	54	50
Trinity.....	Mrs Lila D. Adams.....	Sept. 8, 1916	5,038 43	15,683	58	28	28
Tulare.....	Gretchen Flower.....	June 10, 1910	54,915 32	121,285	127	131	83
Tuolumne.....	Muriel Wright.....	July 3, 1917	9,374 23	25,091	53	28	25
Ventura.....	Elizabeth R. Topping.....	April 9, 1915	28,989 07	77,103	93	55	54
Yolo.....	Nancy C. Laugenour.....	July 12, 1910	30,099 69	88,052	76	47	45
43.....		01, '08-D 9, '19	\$1,422,366 38	a 3,547,528	4,111	2,802	2,394

¹The income as given does not include balance in fund July 1, 1925.²Includes elementary and high.³San Francisco city and county are coterminous. The city library therefore covers the entire county

WHAT IS AHEAD

Two years ago we expressed a feeling of fine confidence in the future of the library in California. Today that conviction is more firmly founded. Libraries in our state are doing a more thorough job of the work they were intended for; and the people are learning that education is not a thing completed in schools, but is a process which when most effective runs through the life course and, after the beginning, is largely individualistic. The recreational side of the service, long recognized, grows in public esteem as its wholesome character becomes more evident. And in a practical way the library is daily proving itself a profitable investment to the keener minds in our bustling American business world.

During 1926 the attention of the country at large was focused on the library because of the celebration of the half century birthday of the professional organization, the American Library Association. The officers and members of this body prepared for this event by making extensive surveys and studies of the more important problems relating to public book and informational service. It was brought out by one of these committees that despite the general acceptance of the library almost half the people in America are not within the circle of its influence. And it was found that the dwellers in the country, the tillers of the soil upon whom we depend for our daily bread, a class of people who because of isolation or freedom from the distractions of twentieth century civilization can best use what the library offers, are denied its benefits to the startling extent of ninety-three per cent of the rural population. In contrast thereto we take pride in recording that in California only about three per cent of the people are without good immediate library service; the prospects are excellent within the next few years for the spread of the county system to those more sparsely settled counties which make up this figure.

To the loyalty and intelligence of the personnel of the State Library, the public, the county, the special and the institutional libraries of California acknowledgment is due for the progress which has been made. At the same time we must express the confident hope that a task so well begun will be continued with growing enthusiasm and increasing public benefit.

APPENDIX A.

Statement of Income and Expenditures for the Period July 1, 1924, to June 30, 1926, of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Fiscal Years.

	Seventy-sixth fiscal year	Seventy-seventh fiscal year	Total
INCOME.			
Appropriated, Chap. 121, 1923-----	\$101,605 00		\$101,605 00
Appropriated, Chap. 30, 1925-----		\$126,745 00	126,745 00
Departmental:			
Sale of stacks-----	2,255 50		2,255 50
Totals-----	\$103,860 50	\$126,745 00	\$230,605 50
EXPENDITURES.			
Administrative-----	\$19,114 78	\$21,409 13	\$40,523 91
General-----	52,584 14	65,513 08	118,097 22
Blind-----	5,463 34	9,266 68	14,730 02
Catalog-----	8,824 79	8,868 22	17,693 01
Documents-----	4,637 70	4,763 06	9,400 76
Law and legislative reference-----	8,648 88	9,799 78	18,448 66
Sutro branch-----	3,319 53	4,686 50	8,006 03
Totals-----	\$102,593 16	\$124,306 45	\$226,899 61
Excess income over expenditure-----	\$1,267 34	\$2,438 55	\$3,705 89
Balance State Library fund, July 1, 1924-----			16,581 24
Balance State Library fund, July 1, 1926-----			\$20,287 13

APPENDIX B.

Statement of Expenditures for the Period July 1, 1924, to June 30, 1925, of the Seventy-sixth Fiscal Year.

Function	Materials and supplies	Salaries and wages	Service and expense	Property and equipment	Total
Administrative:					
State Librarian.....		\$5,000 00	\$729 35		\$5,729 35
Assistant State Librarian.....		*2,400 00	62 85		2,462 85
Board of Library Examiners.....			63 08		63 08
Clerical and office.....	441 29	3,540 00	128 04		4,109 33
Equipment.....	211 44		162 80	\$620 28	994 52
Exhibits and publicity.....	11 46		24 00		35 46
Organization.....		2,220 00	177 07		2,397 07
News Notes of California Libraries.....	2,742 30				2,742 30
Printing and stationery.....	580 82				580 82
Totals.....	\$3,987 31	\$13,160 00	\$1,347 19	\$620 28	\$19,114 78
General:					
Assistants.....		\$22,594 84	\$93 25		\$22,688 09
Seasonal employees.....		249 19			249 19
Books.....				\$7,474 60	7,474 60
Continuations and subscriptions.....				4,993 94	4,993 94
Prints.....				801 02	801 02
Binding.....				1,893 85	1,893 85
Autos—truck and touring.....	174 75		188 22	334 16	697 13
Freight, cartage and express.....			320 35		320 35
General repairs.....	20 96		80 00		100 96
Janitors.....	156 40	2,400 00	70 50		2,626 90
Postage.....			1,344 31		1,344 31
Shipment and book repair.....	747 37	7,742 98			8,490 35
Storage.....			621 20		621 20
Telephone and telegraph.....			282 25		282 25
Totals.....	\$1,099 48	\$32,987 01	\$3,000 08	\$15,497 57	\$52,584 14
Blind:					
Assistant State Librarian.....		*\$600 00			\$600 00
Assistants.....		3,533 71			3,533 71
Books, etc.....				\$1,245 23	1,245 23
Printing.....	84 40				84 40
Totals.....	\$84 40	\$4,133 71		\$1,245 23	\$5,463 34
Catalog:					
Assistants.....		\$7,835 88			7,835 88
Cards and guides.....	988 91				988 91
Totals.....	\$988 91	\$7,835 88			\$8,824 79
Documents:					
Assistants.....		\$4,637 70			\$4,637 70
Law and legislative reference:					
Assistants.....		\$3,971 16			\$3,971 16
Binding.....				886 20	886 20
Books.....				1,561 52	1,561 52
Continuations and subscriptions.....				2,230 00	2,230 00
Totals.....		\$3,971 16		\$4,677 72	\$8,648 88
Sutro Branch:					
Assistants.....		\$3,238 71			\$3,238 71
Seasonal employees.....		80 82			80 82
Totals.....		\$3,319 53			\$3,319 53
Grand totals.....	\$6,160 10	\$70,044 99	\$4,347 27	\$22,040 80	\$102,593 16

*Partial.

APPENDIX C.

Statement of Expenditures for the Period July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926, of the Seventy-seventh Fiscal Year.

Function	Materials and supplies	Salaries and wages	Service and expense	Property and equipment	Total	Grand total 76th and 77th fiscal years
Administrative:						
State Librarian.....		\$5,000 00	\$877 99		\$5,877 99	\$11,607 34
Assistant State Librarian.....		*2,700 00	176 39		2,876 39	5,339 24
Board of Library Examiners.....			54 23		54 23	117 31
Clerical and office.....	\$608 52	4,560 00	147 93		5,316 45	9,425 78
Equipment.....	304 47		396 25	\$899 72	1,600 44	2,594 96
Exhibits and publicity.....	36 35		44 75		81 10	116 56
Organization.....		1,935 00	382 42		2,317 42	4,714 49
News Notes of California Li- braries.....	2,627 20				2,627 20	5,369 50
Photographic.....	8 16				8 16	8 16
Printing.....	649 75				649 75	1,230 57
Totals.....	\$4,234 45	\$14,195 00	\$2,079 96	\$899 72	\$21,409 13	\$40,523 91
General:						
Assistants.....		\$24,243 09	\$215 49		\$24,458 58	\$47,146 67
Seasonal employees.....						249 19
Books.....				10,792 89	10,792 89	18,267 49
Continuations and subscriptions.....				5,985 40	5,985 40	10,979 34
Maps.....				28 90	28 90	28 90
Prints.....				1,498 35	1,498 35	2,299 37
Relics.....				15 00	15 00	15 00
Binding.....				3,851 55	3,851 55	5,745 40
Autos, truck and touring.....	404 11		150 87	1,779 10	2,334 08	3,031 21
Freight, cartage and express.....			488 06		488 06	808 41
General repairs.....	28 93		11 10		40 03	140 99
Janitors.....	150 04	2,500 43	76 50		2,726 97	5,353 87
Moving.....	12 30	186 00	316 00		514 30	514 30
Postage.....			1,733 74		1,733 74	3,078 05
Shipment and book repair.....	1,302 61	8,895 57			10,198 18	18,688 53
Storage.....			371 70		371 70	992 90
Telephone and Telegraph.....			475 35		475 35	757 60
Totals.....	\$1,897 99	\$35,825 09	\$3,838 81	\$23,951 19	\$65,513 08	\$118,097 22
Blind:						
Assistant State Librarian.....		*\$600 00			\$600 00	\$1,200 00
Assistants.....		3,667 13			3,667 13	7,200 84
Home teachers.....		3,300 00	\$592 73		3,892 73	3,892 73
Books, etc.....				\$1,000 12	1,000 12	2,245 35
Printing.....	106 70				106 70	191 10
Totals.....	\$106 70	\$7,567 13	\$592 73	\$1,000 12	\$9,266 68	\$14,730 02
Catalog:						
Assistants.....		\$8,166 13			\$8,166 13	\$16,002 01
Cards and guides.....				\$702 09	702 09	1,691 00
Totals.....		\$8,166 13		\$702 09	\$8,868 22	\$17,693 01
Documents:						
Assistants.....		\$4,763 06			\$4,763 06	\$9,400 76
Law and legislative reference:						
Assistants.....		\$3,960 00			\$3,960 00	\$7,931 16
Binding.....				\$1,144 95	1,144 95	2,031 15
Books.....				2,317 67	2,317 67	3,879 19
Continuations and subscriptions.....				2,377 16	2,377 16	4,607 16
Totals.....		\$3,960 00		\$5,839 78	\$9,799 78	\$18,448 66
Sutro Branch:						
Assistants.....		\$4,549 00			\$4,549 00	\$7,787 71
Extra help.....		107 50			107 50	188 32
Cleaning.....			\$30 00		30 00	30 00
Totals.....		\$4,656 50	\$30 00		\$4,686 50	\$8,006 03
Grand totals.....	\$6,239 14	\$79,132 91	\$6,541 50	\$32,392 90	\$124,306 45	\$226,899 61

*Partial.

APPENDIX D.

Number of Volumes in the Library June 30, 1926.

	Number at last report, June 30, 1924	Pur- chase	Gift	Binding	Ex- change	Lost and dis- carded	Camera- graphed	Total	Grand total
Main library, including law and California.....	248,306	7,673	*1,730	2,430	†919	155	-----	12,597	260,903
Books for the blind.....	16,336	1,147	1,504	-----	-----	72	-----	2,579	18,915
Sutro collection.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	94,938
Grand totals.....	264,642	8,820	2,234	2,430	919	227	-----	15,176	374,756
Prints.....	-----	454	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	455	-----
Maps.....	-----	3	10	-----	-----	-----	1	14	-----

*Includes United States Government publications.

†Includes state publications.

APPENDIX E

BOARD OF LIBRARY EXAMINERS

MILTON J. FERGUSON, State Librarian, *Chairman*.ROBERT REA, Librarian, San Francisco Public Library, *Secretary*.

EVERETT R. PERRY, Librarian, Los Angeles Public Library.

Sections 6 and 7 of the county free library law (Chap. 68, Cal. Statutes, 1911) reads as follows:

Sec. 6. A commission is hereby created, to be known as the board of library examiners, consisting of the state librarian, who shall be *ex officio* chairman of said board, the librarian of the public library of the city and county of San Francisco, and the librarian of the Los Angeles public library.

Sec. 7. Upon the establishment of a county free library, the board of supervisors shall appoint a county librarian, who shall hold office for the term of four years, subject to prior removal for cause, after a hearing, by said board. No person shall be eligible to the office of county librarian unless, prior to his appointment, he has received from the board of library examiners a certificate of qualification for the office. At the time of his appointment, the county librarian need not be a resident of the county nor a citizen of the State of California.

EXAMINATIONS

Three examinations have been held (July 1, 1924-June 30, 1926): 1. Los Angeles September 5, 1924; 2. Sacramento, May 22, 1925, and Los Angeles, June 5, 1925; 3. Los Angeles, June 7-8, 1926, and Sacramento, June 12, 1926.

Thirty candidates took the examinations and twenty-one passed.

On June 8, 1926, the Board adopted the following "Rules and regulations regarding life certificates":

The Board of Library Examiners will grant life certificates authorizing the holders to act as county librarians in conformity with the provisions of the California county free library law, under the following regulations:

1. The applicant must have had at least nine years of successful experience as county librarian in California.

2. The applicant must submit an application on a blank to be provided by the Board of Library Examiners. This must be accompanied by the county librarian's certificate.

3. On the blank mentioned above, applicant must submit a report of the last five years of service.

4. The Board of Library Examiners may require a recommendation from the county board or boards of supervisors under whom the librarian served.

5. The Board of Library Examiners reserves the right to refuse a life certificate to an applicant who has been out of employment as county librarian for a period of three years or longer at the time of application.

6. The Board of Library Examiners may revoke or suspend life certificates for unprofessional conduct or for persistent defiance of and refusal to conform to the laws governing county libraries or for evident unfitness for the duties of county librarian. A hearing before the board will be granted the librarian involved.

CERTIFICATE HOLDERS.

- Adams, Mrs Lila (Dobell), Ln. Trinity County Free Library, Weaverville.
- Anderson, Mrs Rachel (Rhoads), Asst. San Bernardino County Free Library, San Bernardino.
- Babcock, Mrs Julia G., Ln. Kern County Free Library, Bakersfield.
- Bailey, Anne Bell, Ln. Tehama County Free Library, Red Bluff.
- Barmby, Mary, Ln. Alameda County Free Library, Oakland.
- Beardsley, Mrs Arline Davis, Asst. Orange County Free Library, Santa Ana.
- Beeman, Mrs Anne (Madison), Mrs Thomas Beeman, Ln. Warren G. Harding High School Library, Sawtelle.
- Boman, Evalyn, Ln. Imperial County Free Library, El Centro.
- Brackett, Thelma, Ln. Newark Museum, Newark, N. J.
- Brewitt, Mrs Theodora R., Ln. Public Library, Long Beach.
- Burket, Frances M., Ln. Sutter County Free Library, Yuba City.
- Chalfant, Blanche, Ln. Butte County Free Library, Oroville.
- Coulter, Mabel, Asst. Contra Costa County Free Library, Martinez. (On leave of absence.)
- Culver, Essae M., Exec. Sec. Louisiana Library Commission, Baton Rouge, La.
- Davis, Edna D., Asst. Humboldt County Free Library, Eureka.
- De Ford, Estella, Ln. Napa County Free Library, Napa.
- Dills, Clara B., Ln. Solano County Free Library, Fairfield.
- English, Gladys, Ln. A. L. A. Headquarters, 86 E. Randolph st., Chicago, Ill.
- Ferguson, K. Dorothy, Ln. Bank of Italy Library, San Francisco.
- Ferguson, Milton J., Ln. State Library, Sacramento.
- Flower, Gretchen L., Ln. Tulare County Free Library, Visalia.
- Frazier, Hubert B., Asst. Public Library, Los Angeles.
- Frink, Ellen B., Ln. Siskiyou County Free Library, Yreka.
- Fuller, Mrs Melissa, Asst. Fresno County Free Library, Fresno.
- Galloway, Blanche, Ln. Madera County Free Library, Madera.
- Gantt, Edith, Ln. Plumas County Free Library, Quincy.
- Gantz, Flo A., Ln. San Luis Obispo County Free Library, San Luis Obispo.
- Gibson, Hazel G., Asst. Sacramento County Free Library, Sacramento.
- Greene, Charles S., Ln. Free Library, Oakland.
- Greene, Margaret, Asst. Contra Costa County Free Library, Martinez.
- Gregory, Marion L., Asst. San Bernardino County Free Library, San Bernardino.
- Hadden, Anne, Ln. Monterey County Free Library, Salinas.
- Haines, Alice J., Head Documents Dept., State Library, Sacramento.
- Harris, Mary W., Asst. Louisiana Library Commission, Baton Rouge, La.
- Hitt, Eleanor, Ln. San Diego County Free Library, San Diego.
- Holroyd, Edna S., Ln. San Mateo County Free Library, Redwood City.
- Hooker, D. Ashley, Asst. Kern County Free Library, Bakersfield.
- Jackson, Joy Belle, Asst. State Teachers College Library, San Jose.
- Kennedy, Helen T., 2d Asst. Ln. Public Library, Los Angeles.
- Kitching, Mrs Ethelene M., Ln. Fullerton High School Library, Fullerton.
- Kobler, Marjorie H., Asst. San Diego County Free Library, San Diego.
- Kyle, Eleanore, Ln. San Bernardino Polytechnic High School Library, San Bernardino.
- Laugenour, Nancy C., Ln. Yolo County Free Library, Woodland.
- Linn, Mrs Frances Burns, Ln. Santa Barbara Free Public Library and Santa Barbara County Free Library, Santa Barbara.
- Livingston, Margaret E., Ln. Orange County Free Library, Santa Ana.
- McCardle, Sarah E., Ln. Fresno County Free Library, Fresno.
- McCright, Edith C., Asst. Los Angeles County Free Library, Los Angeles.
- Margrave, Anne, Ln. Inyo County Free Library, Independence.
- Martin, Lenala A., Ln. Lassen County Free Library, Susanville.
- Meredith, Roberta, Asst. Fresno County Free Library, Fresno.
- Middleton, Maude, Asst. Kings County Free Library, Hanford.
- Miller, Mabel V., Asst. High School Library, Huntington Park.
- Morse, Marion, Ln. Maui County Free Library, Wailuku, T. H.
- Mumm, Beulah, Reference Ln. State Library, Sacramento.
- Packer, Ella, Ln. Colusa County Free Library, Colusa.
- Perry, Everett R., Ln. Public Library, Los Angeles.
- Provines, Cornelia D., Ln. Sacramento County Free Library, Sacramento.
- Rea, Robert, Ln. Public Library, San Francisco.
- Reagan, Ida M., Ln. Humboldt County Free Library, Eureka.
- Russell, Mrs Faye (Kneeshaw), Mrs Ralph H. Russell, Ln. Glenn County Free Library, Willows.
- Silverthorn, Bessie B., Ln. McHenry Public Library and Stanislaus County Free Library, Modesto.
- Singletary, Mrs Elizabeth (Stevens), Mrs Harry H. Singletary, Ln. Santa Clara County Free Library, San Jose.
- Smith, Susan T., Ln. City Library, Sacramento.
- Steffa, Julia, Ln. Hanford Public Library and Kings County Free Library, Hanford.
- Stephens, Eleanor S., Asst. Los Angeles County Free Library, Los Angeles.
- Stockebrand, Frances, Asst. Orange County Free Library, Santa Ana.
- Stoddard, Minette L., Ln. Merced County Free Library, Merced.
- Taylor, Bertha S., Ln. Amador County Free Library, Jackson.
- Thomas, Mabel W., Asst. Ln. Free Library, Oakland.
- Topping, Elizabeth R., Ln. Ventura Public Library and Ventura County Free Library, Ventura.

Vogleson, Helen E., Ln. Los Angeles County Free Library, Los Angeles.
 Warren, Althea H., Asst. Ln. Public Library, Los Angeles.
 Waterman, Minerva H., Ln. Santa Cruz Public Library and Santa Cruz County Free Library, Santa Cruz.
 Waters, Caroline S., Ln. San Bernardino County Free Library, San Bernardino.
 Wheaton, Florence J., Ln. San Benito County Free Library, Hollister.
 Whitbeck, Mrs Alice G., Ln. Contra Costa County Free Library, Martinez.
 Williams, Anna L., Ln. Modoc County Free Library, Alturas.
 Woods, Katherine R., Asst. Orange County Free Library, Santa Ana.
 Worden, Mrs Dorothy (Clarke), Asst. Solano County Free Library, Fairfield.
 Wright, Muriel, Ln. Tuolumne County Free Library, Sonora.
 Yates, Mrs Bess (Ranton), Mrs John D Yates, Asst. Public Library, Long Beach.

At Present Out of Library Work.

Alexander, Mrs Lela (Clapperton).
 Burrell, Mrs Marjorie (Chilberg), Mrs Elmer Edward Burrell.
 Chatfield, Marguerite.
 Dalton, Mrs Blanche (Harris), Mrs John E. Dalton.
 Duff, Marcella Carmelita.
 Ferris, Katharine Post.
 Gleason, Celia.
 Hatfield, Mrs Margaret (Smith), Mrs John Glover Hatfield.
 Heffner, Mrs Martha June (Coleman), Mrs Harold V. Heffner.
 Herrman, Mrs Jennie (Herrman), Mrs James White Herrman.
 Huntington, Stella.
 Lewis, Mrs Anna Jean (Thomson), Mrs R. B. Lewis.
 McDonald, Mrs Ora Regnart, Mrs Charles E. McDonald.
 Parkinson, H. O.
 Price, Mrs Melba (Burden), Mrs Louis B. Price.

